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REMARKS

As noted previously, the Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application.

Claims 1-7 remain in the application. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled by the present amendment.

Applicant requests reconsideration and further examination of the subject application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Concerning items 1-2 of the Office Action, claims 8-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,115,630 to Lanford ("Lanford"). As noted above, claims 8-9 have been canceled, thus without acceding to its propriety, the rejection has been rendered moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Concerning item 3 of the Office Action, Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-7. Further, Applicant agrees that claims 1-7 are allowable, for at least the reasons noted by the Examiner.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks submitted herein, applicant believes that all claims in the present application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for the application.

If a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited

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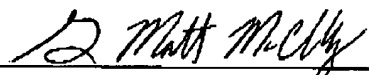
to telephone the undersigned.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our deposit account no. 50-1133, for any fees(s) required for the prosecution of the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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